

**RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE**

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ROYCE S. ASLAKSON  
General Manager

September 4, 2003

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Rm. TW-B204  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 is an affidavit certifying that all Universal Service Support will only be used by Reservation Telephone Cooperative for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission, and the Montana Public Service Commission. It is anticipated that they will also certify by October 1, 2003, that Reservation Telephone Cooperative will only use said Universal Service Support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2003, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communication Commission to ensure that Reservation Telephone Cooperative continues to receive the Universal Service Support for which we are eligible.

Sincerely,

Royce S. Aslakson, General Manager  
RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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**RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE  
AFFIDAVIT CERTIFYING USE OF  
UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDS**

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**Montana PSC 2003 ETC Certification to the FCC  
for 2004 Federal Universal Service Support**

I, Royce S. Aslakson, being of lawful age and duly sworn, on my oath state that I am the General Manager of Reservation Telephone Cooperative and that I am authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company and the facts set forth in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Pursuant to the rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 C.F.R. §54.314, there must be an annual certification that funds received under the federal Universal Service Fund programs will be used only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. The Company hereby certifies to the Montana Public Service Commission that pursuant to 47 C.F. R. §54.7 and for purposes of the Montana Public Service Commission certification required under 47 C.F.R. §54.314, the Company will use all federal high-cost support provided to it only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and service for which the support is intended consistent with the principles of Universal Service set forth in 47 USC 254, including but not limited to, the provision of services that are properly supported by the high-cost funds at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas.

DATED this 4th day of September, 2003.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative

By: Royce S. Aslakson

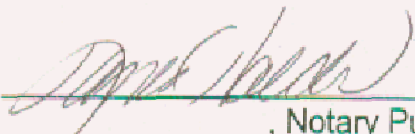
Royce S. Aslakson

Its: General Manager

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On this 4th day of September, 2003, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared ROYCE S. ASLAKSON, known to me to be the General Manager of RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

